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Application No.: 09/963,435 Examiner: Chankong, Dohm Filed: September 27, 2001 Group/Art Unit: 2152 Inventors: 5681-78901 Atty. Dkt. No: Daniel Blaukopf, et al. Title: Method and Protocol for **Mediating Communication** Between Software **Applications**

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is an amendment submission accompanying the request for continued examination filed herewith; and further highlights why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.